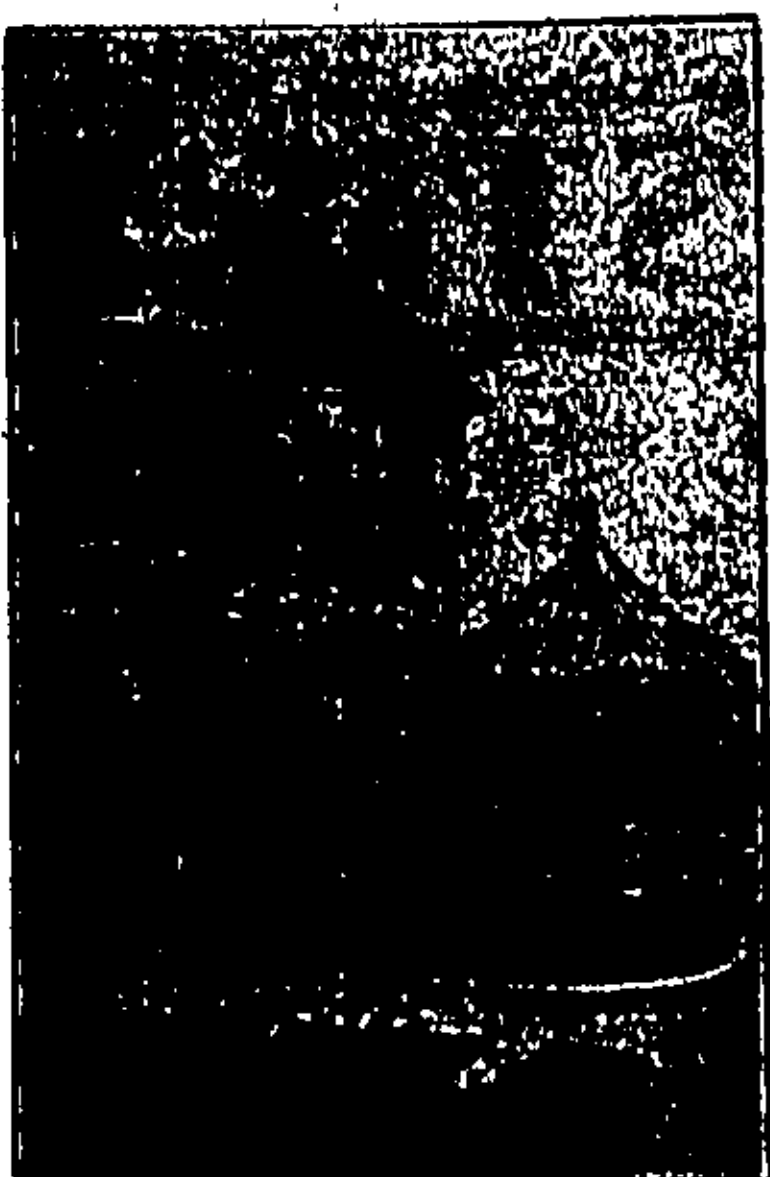












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#### Reviews from Official Sources.

##### "MONKEY BUSINESS."

"Monkey Business," which is now showing at the King's Theatre to-day, goes something like this—  
On a trans-Atlantic liner bound for New York the second mate discovers that there are four stowaways on board. Yes, the stowaways are your old playmates Groucho, Harpo, Chico and Zeppo. To elude pursuit they hide in the captain's cabin. Groucho poses as the captain, runs the ship, and eat the captain's breakfast. Then he threatens to put the captain in irons as a stowaway.

His bluff finally breaks down and Groucho hides in the cabin of a yeggman. He makes love to the yegg's wife, and almost gets bumped off when the tough husband returns. He wriggles out of the difficulty by agreeing to assist the rowdy. He is ordered to help Zeppo put one of the yegg's enemy-hoodlums "on the spot." But Zeppo falls in love with the rival's daughter, and complications increase when it is discovered that Chico and Harpo have been hired as gunmen protecting her father.

When the ship reaches quarantine a crowd of reporters clambers aboard to interview the passengers. But Groucho reverses the process by interviewing the reporters.

##### "TABU."

Meet Reri, the "it" girl of the Society Islands.  
She is the discovery of F. W. Murnau, well known motion picture director, following a search among thirty jewel-like islands, each set in a ring of coral in the Tahitian archipelago.

The introduction will be complete when the Central Theatre patrons see "Tabu," Murnau's picture of the island life and its gripping romances.

Reri is "the girl." After seeing the guarded studio advance view it was suggested that Murnau change her name to Eureka.

"Eureka," the motto of California, translates as "I have found it!"

There is no question that the discovery of Reri and "it" were coincident.  
"Reri's beauty is typical of the pure-blood Polynesian," Murnau stated. "She has the unconscious grace and lack of false modesty and reserve that comes from generations of proud ancestry, living in a modern garden of Eden."

##### "THE DAWN PATROL."

When a terrific explosion of the powder and ammunition used on a location in "The Dawn Patrol," the first National-Vitaphone production starring Richard Barthelmess now playing at the Queen's Theatre, resulted in a call for his services, Dr. R. M. Myers of Burbank, California, had a curious experience. William Redman, jun., powder expert was injured and the call was sent to Myers. Speeding to the location, forty miles away, just as he arrived on the scene the doctor broke his index finger as he closed the door of his coupe. However, he managed to tie his bandage and do his work in spite of his accident.

##### "TRANSATLANTIC."

John Halliday, who has one of the featured roles in "Transatlantic," Fox talking picture production starring Edmund Lowe, which comes to the King's Theatre next

Sunday, had saved his money for several years, determined to make an extended trip to Europe on a much needed holiday. A week before he was to leave Hollywood, the bank in which all his savings were deposited closed its doors.

The only break Halliday got was that he already had paid for his tickets and didn't lose that amount. So he went to Europe anyway, but stayed only a few weeks, whereas he had planned a visit of at least a year.

Returning from abroad, Halliday was cast for the role of "Henry Graham" in "Transatlantic," in the picture, turns out to be an absconding banker, fleeing with \$3,000,000 of his depositors' funds. In "Transatlantic" Edmund Lowe is supported by such screen luminaries as Lois Moran, in the leading feminine role, Jean Hersholt, Greta Nissen, and Myrna Loy.

##### "DIRIGIBLE."

Being the wife of a newspaper "headline" is a wearing business for any woman. Pay Wray is willing to concede after portraying such a wife in "Dirigible," the Columbia pictures which will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre.

The wife of a celebrity whose profession is fraught with danger has a particularly difficult role to fill. She must endure many hours of torturing anxiety, and the actress is authority for the statement that a wife, in a case of this sort, cannot be severely blameworthy for taking steps to frustrate such a career.

In "Dirigible" Miss Wray portrays the role of woman who is married to an aviator—one of the Navy's daredevil pilots who doesn't know what fear means. The wife endures loneliness and worry patiently for a long time, but when her husband reveals his plans to make a hop to the South Pole by plane, she reveals.

In the Columbia picture Ralph Graves plays the role of the flying husband, with Jack Holt in the part of a dirigible commander who conspires with the wife to prevent the dangerous hop.

##### "MAN IN POSSESSION."

A friendly and cheery smile can do more to set the day right than a lecture or essay on mental discipline.

However, even though the greeting is genial and warm, it will have no value unless the lips disclose a row of even, pearly teeth.

Brushing of the teeth has a technique that can be explained by Irene Purcell, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress who plays the feminine lead in Robert Montgomery's picture, "The Man in Possession," showing at the Queen's Theatre on Friday.

"My tooth-brush paraphernalia is as complete as my make-up kit," divulges Miss Purcell, whose sparkling teeth bespeak the care she gives them.

"They include a brush for morning and one for evening... a tooth powder and a tooth paste, dental floss, a mouth wash and pumice stone. The powder is rubbed vigorously on the gums with the fingers before brushing, keeping them firm and healthy, with the paste used for brushing."

##### BILL SMITH VERSUS BILL SMITH.

Nothing can stop Bill Smith from winning a municipal contest at Newburgh (New York).

There are two candidates for the post of the city's seventh ward supervisor. Both are named William Smith, both are in the insurance business, and both have offices in the same street.

### RADIO

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
6-8.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.  
7.05-7.50 p.m.—Operatic.

Chorus—Faust—The Fair (Gounod).  
Faust—Waltz and Chorus (Gounod).  
Metropolitan Opera Chorus (1937).

Orchestral—Walkure—Ride of the Valkyries (Wagner).  
Rheingold—Prelude (Wagner).  
Symphony Orchestra (1938).

Song—Le Prophete—Ah, Mon Fil (Ah, My Son) (Meyerbeer).  
Orfeo ed Euridice—Che Faro Senza Euridice (I Have Lost My Euridice) (Gluck).  
Sigrid Onegin (Contralto) (1938).

Piano Solo—Die Fledermaus—Paraphrase (Strauss-Godowsky).  
Benno Moiseiwitch (7257).

Song—Adio (F. Paolo Testi).  
L'Africana—Lead Me Toward the Vessel (Meyerbeer).  
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (7156).

8 p.m.—Local Time.  
7.50-8.40 p.m.—Orchestral.  
(a) Serenade (Moszkowski).  
(b) Aubade (Auber).  
Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow) (Kreisler).  
San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (1932).

Capriccio Italiano (Tchaikovsky).  
Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra (1929-30).

L'Arlésienne (Bizet).  
Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden (1912-3).

8.40-9 p.m.—Instrumental.  
Violin Solo—Menuet (Bach-Wintermiltz).  
Gavotte (Beethoven).  
Fritz Kreisler (1138).

Piano Solo—Valse Oubliee (Forgotten Waltz) (Liszt).  
Capriccio in F Minor (Debussy).  
Vladimir Horowitz (1455).

Violoncello Solo—Song my Mother taught Me (Dvorak).  
(b) Flight of the Bumble Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov).  
Song Without Words, in D (Mendelssohn).

9-11 p.m.—Dance Programme.  
Fox Trot—Sam and Delilah.  
Edin' My Time.  
If I Didn't Have You.  
Now That You're Gone.  
There's No Other Girl.  
I'm All Dressed up With a Broken Heart.

Waltz—Blue Kentucky Moon.  
Fox Trot—My Moonlight Rosary.  
Minnie, the Moocher.  
Heebie Jeebies.  
I Love You So Much.  
Dancing the Devil Away.  
Jackass Blues.  
Up and at 'Em.

Waltz—Musha-Bye.  
Fox Trot—Idolizing.  
I Love Louisa.  
New Sun in the Sky.  
You Can't Stop me from Loving You.  
What's Keeping my Prince Charming?  
I'll Love You in my Dreams.  
Think a Little Kindly of Me.

Waltz—In a Little Spanish Town.  
Fox Trot—There's a Boatman on the Volga.  
Whistling in the Dark.  
Smile, Dear Ya, Smile.  
I'm Crazy 'Bout my Baby.

Waltz—You Will Remember Vienna.  
Fox Trot—I Bring a Love Song.  
Hard-to-Get-Gertie.  
Kathink.  
"Gimme" a Little Kiss, Will "Ya?"  
"Hub!"  
Lonesome and Sorry.

Waltz—Sweetheart Memories.  
The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

### SHADOWS BEFORE

#### COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

##### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Carnival Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

##### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Monkey Business."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Dawn Patrol."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Tabu."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Derelict."

To-day—Star Theatre: "High Society Blues."

##### Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Zulderkerk).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Chitral); from America (President Taft); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), noon.

##### Miscellaneous.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

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"The court must go very slowly in these days of unemployment to avoid imposing undue hardships on families," said the Judge when sentencing Larson.

#### UNINVITED GUEST OF HONOUR.

Former officers of marines at Fresno, California, arranged to give a dinner in an hotel in honour of Major-General Smedley D. Butler, who has retired from the command of the U.S. Marines.

When they were seated in the banquet hall they were surprised to find that the seat for the guest of honour was unoccupied.

"Where's the guest of honour?" everyone asked. Then the officer in charge remembered.

"Great Scott," he cried, "we forgot to invite him."

The hotel management refused to disregard General Butler's order that he should not be disturbed. He did not hear until after he had left the town of the banquet which was held in his honour.

##### 11.05 p.m.—Close Down.

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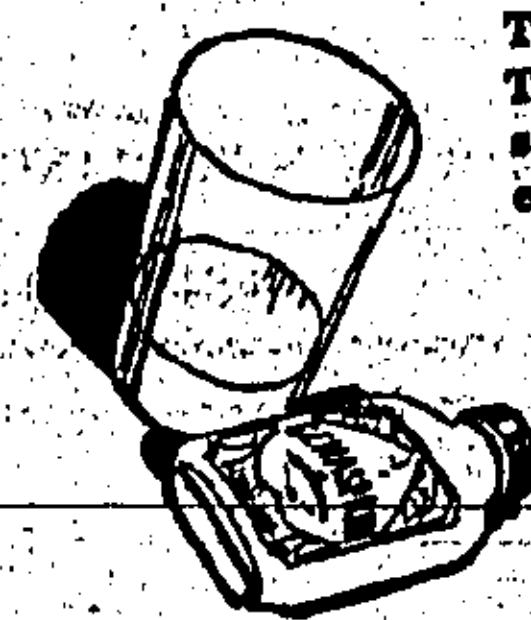
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## MANY COLLAPSE.

With their backs to the wall throughout the match the Royal Navy were unable to force a draw in their triangular tournament game against the Army at the H.K.C.C. yesterday and were defeated by the huge margin of an innings and 284 runs after following on 352 runs in arrears.

Capt. Mirehouse was the cause of the Naval collapse in both innings and had the following, satisfying figures for the match:—

O. M. R. W.  
29 6 82 12

Full scores were as follows:—

| Army.                                                                                               |     |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| G. Wolf-Barry (R.A.), b Wroughton                                                                   | 5   |  |  |  |
| Capt. O. Wales (S.W.B.), c Haslefoot, b Stileman                                                    | 52  |  |  |  |
| A. H. Musson (R.A.), b Wroughton                                                                    | 0   |  |  |  |
| A. C. Hamilton (S.W.B.), b Mundy                                                                    | 114 |  |  |  |
| Capt. R. G. Moir (A. & S.H.), c Mundy, b Villiers                                                   | 150 |  |  |  |
| J. K. MacFarlan (R.A.), st Shaw, b Wroughton                                                        | 37  |  |  |  |
| Bomb. Bryant (R.A.), not out                                                                        | 77  |  |  |  |
| Sig. Williams (R.C.S.), st Shaw, b Berryman                                                         | 46  |  |  |  |
| Capt. Gottwaltz (S.W.B.), st Shaw, b Wroughton                                                      | 15  |  |  |  |
| C. Anstruther (R.E.), not out                                                                       | 15  |  |  |  |
| Extra                                                                                               | 0   |  |  |  |
| Total (for 8 wks.) ... 498                                                                          |     |  |  |  |
| Capt. G. E. Mirehouse (Gloster) did not bat.                                                        |     |  |  |  |
| Fall of wickets:—1 for 5; 2 for 5; 3 for 76; 4 for 247; 5 for 356; 6 for 359; 7 for 461; 8 for 475. |     |  |  |  |

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

|                  | O. | M. | R.  | W. |
|------------------|----|----|-----|----|
| Lt. Comdr. Mason | 7  | 0  | 46  | 0  |
| Lt. Wroughton    | 19 | 1  | 125 | 4  |
| Lt. Whinney      | 8  | 0  | 52  | 0  |
| Lt. Stileman     | 6  | 0  | 47  | 1  |
| Lt. Comdr. Mundy | 11 | 0  | 62  | 1  |
| Lt. Villiers     | 8  | 0  | 52  | 1  |
| Lt. Haslefoot    | 1  | 0  | 16  | 0  |
| Capt. Burnett    | 3  | 0  | 41  | 0  |
| Lt. Webb         | 4  | 0  | 29  | 0  |
| Comdr. Berryman  | 3  | 0  | 28  | 0  |

Royal Navy—First Innings.  
Capt. Burnett, st. Musson, b Mirehouse  
Lt. Comdr. R. J. Shaw, c Wales b Mirehouse ... 26  
Mid. Webb, b Hamilton ... 18  
Lt. Villiers, l.b.w., b Mirehouse ... 30  
Comdr. Berryman, c Moir, b Mirehouse ... 33  
Lt. Comdr. Mundy, c Williams, b Mirehouse ... 5  
Lt. Wroughton, b Mirehouse ... 11  
Lt. Stileman, b Mirehouse ... 0  
Lt. Haslefoot, c Moir, b Williams ... 1  
Mid. Whinney, c Gottwaltz, b Musson ... 11  
Lt. Comdr. Mason, not out ... 0  
Extras (B6, LB2, NB8) ... 10  
Total ... 146  
Fall of wickets:—1 for 8; 2 for 39; 3 for 54; 4 for 101; 5 for 115; 6 for 122; 7 for 122; 8 for 124; 9 for 140; 10 for 146.

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

|                 | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| *Sig. Williams  | 12 | 1  | 85 | 1  |
| Capt. Mirehouse | 17 | 0  | 57 | 7  |
| A. H. Musson    | 8  | 2  | 18 | 1  |
| A. C. Hamilton  | 5  | 1  | 12 | 0  |
| Bomb. Bryant    | 2  | 0  | 13 | 0  |
| C. Anstruther   | 2  | 0  | 6  | 0  |

\*Bowled 8 no balls.  
Royal Navy—Second Innings.  
Lt. Wroughton, c Williams, b Hamilton ... 17  
Mid. Whinney, c Hamilton, b Mirehouse ... 0  
Lt. Comdr. R. J. Shaw, c Musson, b Mirehouse ... 0  
Lt. Comdr. Mundy, c Moir, b Mirehouse ... 0  
Mid. Webb, c Moir, b Mirehouse ... 0  
Lt. Villiers, not out ... 2  
Capt. Burnett, not out ... 0  
Comdr. Berryman, not out ... 0  
Extras ... 0  
Total ... 17

R. GERRARD TO PLAY  
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## TWICKENHAM ON SATURDAY.

Friends of R. A. Gerrard, the son of the late Mr. W. G. Gerrard, former Assistant Superintendent of the Hong Kong Police Force, will be delighted to hear of his success at Rugby football in England.

The publication of an England XV. to meet the Springboks at Twickenham on Saturday includes the former Diocesan school-boy in the three-quarter line. It was only a just reward for the services which Gerrard has rendered to Bath Rugby Club since he joined it. He has enjoyed success at the game and now has received his big chance—we wish him the best of luck.

The following will represent England against the South African tourists at Twickenham on Saturday:—

Full-back: R. J. Barr (Leicester);  
Three-quarters: C. D. Aarvold (Blackheath) (captain), R. A. Gerrard (Bath), J. A. Tallent (Cambridge University), C. C. Tanner (Gloucester);  
Half-backs: R. Spong (Old Millhills), W. H. Sobey (Old Millhills);  
Forwards: D. J. Norman (Leicester), G. G. Gregory (Bristol), A. D. Carpenter (Gloucester), R. G. S. Hobbs (Army and Richmond), C. Webb (Devonport Services), L. E. Saxby (Gloucester), A. J. Rowley (Coventry), and D. Hodgson.

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## ENTRIES CLOSE ON JAN. 3.

A knockout tennis tournament will be held at United Service Recreation Club, commencing on Tuesday, January 5, 1932. The tournament is only open to members and subscribers, their wives and families.

The events are as follows:—(Handicap) Men's Singles; (Handicap) Ladies' Doubles; (Handicap) Mixed Doubles; (Handicap) Ladies' Singles; (Handicap) Men's Singles Open; Ladies' Singles Open.  
Dates:—1st Round, Tuesday, January 5 to Wednesday, January 13 inclusive; 2nd Round, Thursday, January 14 to Thursday, January 21 inclusive; 3rd and subsequent Rounds, (Dates for these will be announced later).

Courts:—From January 5 until the end of the Tournament, up to 5 Courts will be reserved for Tournament players and may be booked on application to the No. 1 Boy U.S.R.C.

Entries:—Entries will close at 6.30 p.m. on January 3, 1932, at the U.S.R.C.

Entrance Fees:—Entrance Fees for pairs 3s; Entrance Fees for singles 2s.  
Balls and Ball Boys:—Balls and ball boys for semi-finals and finals only will be supplied by the Club, for previous round competitors will supply their own new balls and ball boys.

The Committee reserves the right to scratch any event for which they consider the entries are not sufficient as prizes for winners and runners-up will be given.  
Matches will consist of the best of three sets throughout the Tournament.  
Umpires:—Umpires will be provided by the Tennis Committee for semi-finals and finals. (For other rounds competitors will make their own arrangements.)

Refreshments:—Refreshments will be provided for the players and spectators at the U.S.R.C. during the tournament.

CHARITY FOOTBALL  
ON FRIDAY.

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## EARL HAIG'S FUND.

A very interesting football match has been arranged to be played on New Year's Day on the Hong Kong Football Club's ground, when the Combined Services will be in opposition to the Rest of the Colony. Two strong teams have been chosen and an interesting and spectacular game may be expected.

It will be recalled that this fixture was to have been played on Armistice Day last, but owing to the weather the game had to be postponed. In some respects it was well that this was so, for the postponement has allowed players to find their form and give the public a better exhibition of the game.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be present at the kick off at 3.30 p.m.

ARTILLERY BEAT THE  
Y.M.C.A.

Dominate Play After  
Fast Exchange.

## "Y" DEFENCE PRAISED.

On the Marina ground yesterday the Royal Artillery defeated the Y.M.C.A. by two goals to nil in a fast and thrilling hockey encounter.

The Indians were far more accustomed to the conditions than their opponents who found difficulty in keeping their feet on the sand. The winners showed splendid combination and possessed a speedy and dangerous forward line which was always in the limelight. The Y.M.C.A. defence are to be congratulated on their sparkling work otherwise the Indians might have reached double figures.

Skinner played a fearless game in goal and saved numerous hot shots in an admirable manner. Tate was the pick of the two backs though Tittle put in some good work. Smith, though too slow for his wing man, harassed him continually and was instrumental in bottling up the attack from that direction on several occasions. McLellan played a brilliant game at centre half keeping a watchful eye on the opposing centre forward and feeling his forwards on every opportunity. Allen gave a good exhibition of defensive play and was steady throughout.

The Artillery possess one of the best wings in the Colony in their left wing pair. Their understanding of one another's play was marvellous whilst their stick work was dazzling.

Result:—  
Royal Artillery ... 2  
Y.M.C.A. ... 0  
Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner, A. Tate, L. W. Tittle, F. Allen, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith, J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, F. Salk, W. J. Brown, and T. J. Price.

C.B.A. MIXED TEAM  
BEAT GERMANS.

Francis Adds Three  
Goals to His Long List.

In a friendly hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday afternoon the Central British Association mixed team defeated the German Club by four goals to nil. The C.B.A. dominated play throughout and at half-time led by a goal to nil, scored by H. Muller. After the change over C. C. Francis rattled the German defence and scored three goals in quick succession. The German team are improving as a team but the C.B.A. individually have far surpassed the former match of the game.

## MAJESTIC

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## NEW YEAR MEETING AT KWANTI

The following are the entries and handicaps for the Fanning Hunt and Race Club's New Year meeting at Kwanti on Friday, January 1, and Sunday, January 3:

### FIRST DAY.

1. The Tyros' Stakes.—A Hurdle Race of 1 1/4 Miles. Weight for inches.—Black Maria, Cutex, Ed. Herga, Loch Ryan, Mouche, Overthere, Xerxes. Eight entries.
2. The Shatin Handicap.—Second Division.—A Steeplechase of 1 1/2 miles.—Big Ching, 155 lbs.; Bright Prospect, 155; Demurrer, 150; Duke of Milan, 153; Fanning Stag, 150; Kirribilli, 150; Movanager, 170; The Partridge, 168; The Wind, 150; Yankee, 160. Ten entries.
3. The New Year Hurdle Race.—A Handicap of 1 1/2 Miles.—Christmas Frolic, 152 lbs.; Mike, 155; Tom, 158; Donnabella, 145; Montana, 170; Wonderful Stag, 158; White Heather, 140; Royal Flush, 170; Duke of Normandy II, 140; Yankee, 140. Ten entries.
4. The Shatin Handicap.—First Division.—A Steeplechase of 1 1/2 miles.—Christmas Frolic, 152 lbs.; Tom, 158; Target, 150; Donnabella, 150; Edenbridge, 158; Choctow II, 155; Bronze Eyes, 155; Piccalilli, 152; White Heather, 150; Royal Flush, 170; Christmas Belle, 150; Patch, 155; Mouche, 161; Duke of Chantilly, 152. 14 entries.
5. The Hunters' Hurdle Race.—1 1/4 Miles. For China Ponies approved by the Master as "Hunters." Weight 168 lbs.; 5 lbs.; allowance to owner riders.—Britannic Hall, Chummy, Christmas Belle, Country Club, Diana, Dunce, Fernleaf, Grey Mouse, Hefty, Heretofore, Inshallah, Jester, Joseph, Kirribilli, Loch Sloy, Montana, Murray Thwaite, Ostris, Patch, Pumpkin, Purity, Red Leaves, Social Mark, Tarnborg, The Stumour, The Wind, Wings, White Stars, White Slave. 29 entries.
6. The Yunnan Handicap.—A Flat Race of 1 1/4 Miles. For China Ponies classified as "D1" and "D2" by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.—Bay of Bellingham II, 160 lbs.; Sonny Boy, 166; Discord, 159; Choctow II, 153; Country Club, 146; Bronze Eyes, 165; As You Like It, 145; Celerity, 144; Duke of Normandy II, 148; Heliotrope Leaf, 148; Jester, 140. 11 entries.
7. The Szechuen Handicap.—A Flat Race of 1 1/4 Miles. For China Ponies classified as "C1" and "C2" by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.—The Partridge, 149 lbs.; Edenbridge, 140; Fritillery, 150; Britannic Hall, 160; Blue Heaven, 155; Mongolian Stag, 140; Wise Stag, 157; Grey Dawn, 150; Nookhail, 140; Christmas Belle, 160; Thunderous Stag, 152. 11 entries.

### SECOND DAY.

1. The Yuen Loong Hurdle Race.—1 1/4 Miles. Weight for inches.

Winner of the Tyros' Stakes 5 lbs. penalty.—Black Maria, Cutex, Ed. Herga, Loch Ryan, Mouche, Overthere, Xerxes. Eight entries.

2 and 3. The Lok Ma Chau Handicaps.—Second Division and First Division.—A Steeplechase of 2 Miles. Top Weight not to exceed 170 lb., lowest weight not less than 150 lb.—As You Like It, Big Ching, Bright Prospect, Bronze Eyes, Choctow II, Christmas Belle, Christmas Frolic, Demurrer, Duke of Chantilly, Donnabella, Edenbridge, Fanning Stag, Grey Mouse, Inshallah, Joseph, Kirribilli, Marquis Hall, Mouche, Movanager, Patch, Royal Flush, Piccalilli, Target, The Partridge, The Stumour, The Wind, Tom. 27 entries.

4. The January Hurdle Race.—A Handicap of 1 1/4 Miles.—Christmas Frolic Country Club, Donnabella, Duke of Milan, Duke of Normandy II, Dance, Mike, Piccalilli, Purity, Royal Flush, The Partridge, Tom, White Heather, Wonderful Stag, Young Pretender. 15 entries.

5. The Ladies' Cup (Unofficial).—A Flat Race of 1 Mile. Winners of 1931 of any flat race barred. To be ridden by Ladies. Catch-weight 145 lbs.—African Eve, Chewkee, Donnabella, Duke of Chantilly, Grey Mouse, Grand Symphony, Kirribilli, Loch Sloy, Montana, Red Leaves, Tarnborg, The Gomeril, The Wind, White Slave, Yankee. 15 entries.

6. The Shansi Handicap.—A Flat Race of 1 Mile. For China Ponies, classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "C1" and "C2".—Blue Heaven, Britannic Hall, Christmas Belle, Edenbridge, Fritillery, Grey Dawn, Mongolian Stag, Nookhail, Tango, The Partridge, The Phenasant, The Quail, Thunderous Stag, 13 entries.

7. The Shensi Handicap.—A Flat Race of 3/4 Mile.—For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D1" and "D2". To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won 5 flat races anywhere at any time.—Bay of Bellingham II, Bronze Eyes, Celerity, Choctow II, Country Club, Discord, Glorious Stag, Heliotrope Leaf, Jester, Kirribilli, Mountain Rat, Movanager, Sunning, Sonny Boy, Zephyr. 15 entries.

### FANLING CHRISTMAS MEETING.

#### MIXED BOGEY TIE.

In the Mixed Bogey Mrs. Redmond and P. S. Cassidy tied with Mrs. Cassidy and J. E. H. Cogan—both were five down. Ten pairs entered.

## BEAUFORT CLUB TO CLOSE DOWN.

Dwindling Membership Sensation.

### ONE OF THE OLDEST.

London, Yesterday. Beaufort Club, London, one of the oldest racing clubs in England, is closing down to-morrow owing to dwindling membership. The Club was once famous for elaborate wagers. Staggering sums were wagered on horse races at the once famous "call over."—Reuter.

### Our Sports Diary.

CRICKET.—Friday.—University Past v. Present; Hong Kong C.C. v. Navy. Saturday.—University v. Royal Artillery (L); H.K.C.C. v. Navy; K.C.C. v. Army; Second Division C.C.C. v. Police (L); Borderers v. University.

Sunday.—K.C.C. v. Army (2nd Day). HOCKEY.—To-day.—Hong Kong Club v. Borderers on U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m. To-morrow.—University v. Radio Sports at 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Y.M.C.A.

HUNTING.—To-day.—Fanning Hunt; Hounds Meet (Hunters' Arms) at 3.15 p.m. FOOTBALL.—Friday.—Services v. Civilians on Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday.—Chinese League.—Yee Wai v. Sung Ching; Eastern v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B". GOLF.—Friday to Sunday.—R.H.K.C.C. New Year Meet. Sunday.—Completion of First Round of Captain's Cup at Fanning; Entries close for the Junior Championship. ATHLETICS.—Friday.—Kowloon C.C. Children's Sports. STEEPLCHASE.—Friday and Sunday.—Fanning Hunt and Race Club at Kwanti.

### MOTORING CROW.

Although free to fly where it likes, a crow which was befriended by a Cologne taxi-driver two winters ago still remains at the cab-rank used by its benefactor, says Reuter.

Frequently the bird, perched on the cab, will accompany the driver on his journeys.

If the journey looks like being a long one it hops off and flies back to the stand.

The crow is a great friend of the drivers' dogs, mainly because it has learned to give an imitation "bark."

## "UNSEEMLY" AND SHOCKING SPECTACLE

Dancing Girls Scantly Clad.

### PAPAL PROTEST.

Rome, Dec. 21.

A diplomatic incident has arisen between the Vatican and the Italian Government over a troupe of scantily clad dancing girls who all nightly perform in a music hall on the Piazza Prati-trozzi in the immediate vicinity of the Vatican City. A vigorous protest against this "unseemly and shocking spectacle" has been lodged with the Italian Government by the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Pappalardo. In a verbal note presented to-day to the Italian Ambassador at the Vatican Count de Vecchi. The note insists that the performance of the dancers be stopped immediately as it constitutes a grave violation of certain clauses in the Lateran Treaties, designed to safeguard the sanctity of the Vatican.—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

### CHEUNG CHAU SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Cheung Chau Government School took place yesterday afternoon. Those present included Mrs. A. C. Franklin, who gave away the prizes, Mr. A. O. Brown, Inspector of Schools, Mr. MacKenzie, Professor L. Forster and Mr. Cheung King-pak, the new head master.

The report read by the head master, Mr. Hon Kau-fung, stated that the health of the pupils during the year had been very good; but attendance had been less satisfactory.

After Mrs. Franklin had distributed the prizes, Mr. Brown, thanked Mrs. Franklin on his own behalf and on behalf of the Government for having so kindly consented to perform this function.

Mr. Brown then introduced the new head master, Mr. Cheung King-pak, B.A., who assumes control on January 1.

Professor L. Forster spoke briefly, asking for the co-operation of the pupils, staff and kailongs. He pointed out that the school was the greatest social asset that the island possessed.

## MEDIAEVAL GERMAN PALACE GUTTED.

Old Paintings and Tapestries Destroyed.

### 7 PERISH.

Stuttgart, Dec. 21.

The mediaeval palace at Stuttgart, one of the landmarks of Southern Germany, was completely gutted and partially destroyed by fire to-day. The fire broke out in the Western wing and, fanned by a high wind, spread rapidly, defying for a time the efforts of the City's combined fire brigades. Night had fallen, before the blaze was brought under control.

### Experimental Wireless Station Destroyed.

Many unique old paintings and tapestries were destroyed by the flames, which also damaged the wireless station housed in one of the towers, an experimental short wave station equipped with the most modern apparatus which is generally used for the reception of broadcasts from the United States.

### Seven Perish and Many Injured.

Berlin, Dec. 22.

The conflagration which reduced the century old palace at Stuttgart to ruins turns out to have been the most disastrous fire experienced in Germany in recent years. Three firemen perished in the fierce blaze while a score of others were more or less seriously injured. Four more are missing and it is feared that they were buried under the debris when the last wall of the palace collapsed to-night.

### Two-Day Blaze.

For two days and two nights the city's fire brigades, assisted by thousands of volunteers, had battled with the conflagration which, feeding on the dry rafters of the building and fanned by a high wind, defied all attempts to control it. Moreover, the first fighters were handicapped by the severe frost which at times made it impossible to handle the hose lines.

### Enormous Damage.

The damage has not yet been assessed, but is believed to be very heavy even though part of the historic library housed in the chapel of the palace was saved.—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

## VATICAN LIBRARY DISASTER.

Further Details of the Crash.

### SUDDEN CAVE IN.

Rome, Dec. 22.

Five assistant librarians were buried underneath over 20,000 weighty tomes where part of the roof of the Papal Library caved in this afternoon with a sound like an explosion which threw the Vatican City into a panic which made way for general grief when cause and extent of the disaster became known.

### Gift Cause of Disaster.

The catastrophe was the direct consequence of a recent American gift of steel bookshelves to the Pontiff who decided that they should be installed in the Hall of Sixtus V. where at one time he had worked as a conservator. This hall, bracing off the Incunables Gallery is one of the oldest parts of the Vatican and special care was taken in making the preparations for the instalment of the new shelves which were coupled with some repairs to the roof supports and the walls. Even so, however, this preparatory work appears to have been too great a strain on the old foundations.

This afternoon, shortly before the workers finished their day's task large cracks suddenly appeared in the roof and the outer wall. There was a shout of warning and the workmen, as well as several librarians, succeeded in reaching a subterranean passage opening on an inner courtyard. Five librarians were buried under the avalanche of books and bricks before they could reach the passage, and it is feared that a number of transients, chiefly students, must have shared their fate, though this has not yet been definitely ascertained.

The Vatican fire brigade, which was alarmed by the noise of the collapse proved inadequate for the rescue work which was started immediately, and an urgent call was sent to the Government of Rome to dispatch rescue forces which was promptly done. By night some order had been restored out of the chaos though it will probably take until to-morrow before the whole debris can be removed sufficiently to recover the dead. The extent of the damage it is impossible even to gauge, as many of the documents and books were unique and cannot be replaced. Some few documents were found to be intact, but most of them have probably been deep ground to pulp under the tons of debris. These latter probably include one of the most coveted letters in the world, the letter addressed to Pope Leo X.

## LUNATIC CRUCIFIED.

Thought He Was Jesus Christ.

### NAILED TO WALL.

Brussels, Dec. 22.

Labouring under the delusion that he was Jesus Christ and that he must sacrifice himself during the Christmas week a man in the state lunatic asylum-persuaded two other inmates to crucify him. He was nailed to the wall of the chief dormitory where his cries attracted the attention of the warders, but by the time the rusty nails used by the lunatics were extracted the unhappy man had lost so much blood that he died on his way to the hospital.—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

### SWISS CITIZENS AND FOREIGN MILITARY SERVICE.

Berne, Dec. 22.

All Swiss citizens of military age are strictly forbidden to join the French Foreign Legion under the provisions of the new military penal code promulgated to-day. Any transgressors of this law, if they ever return home again, become subject to long prison terms in addition to what they had to go through in the Foreign Legion. As regards military service with other states than France, Swiss citizens must first obtain the permission of the federal authorities, before they may serve under other colours either actively or in the capacity of advisers. Any infringement of this law is also liable to punishment of not less than twelve months' imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

by Martin Luther the Reformer, after he had dissociated himself from the Catholic Church.

The Pontiff has expressed his deepest grief at the catastrophe and has announced his intention to read a special mass for the souls of the dead men.

Rome, Dec. 23. Five bodies have so far been recovered from the debris of the ancient wing of the Papal Library which collapsed yesterday. Three more workers are now believed to be still entombed under the tons of brickwork and valuable books. The latter are being sorted out from the wreckage by volunteers from the Papal Academy, assisted by the salvage corps of the Rome fire brigade. Some 15,000 tomes, including early prints and manuscripts are still missing, amongst them parts of the cardinals' codex and of the canonical law in mediaeval England and Germany.—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1931.

Imperial Baby Week.

Through the courtesy of the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor we have received a letter for our correspondence columns and a great deal of literature bearing on the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield competition. The letter, published to-day, speaks for itself. The other matter, of no less interest, we will gladly pass on to any organisations or individuals imbued with sufficient loyal spirit to endeavour to place Hong Kong on the map for the competition in 1932.

The babies—God bless them!—have been much in the public mind here during the past week. Firstly, through the celebration of Christmas; and, secondly, through the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children. For several years the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, have been responsible for a Health Week, during which much valuable propaganda has been carried out in the direction of seeking to improve the standard of public health. Would it not be possible for the Rotary Club, the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and the Society for the Protection of Children to marshal their forces and collectively make preparations for the Colony's entry to the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield competition?

This year the Challenge Shield was awarded to Mombasa, Kenya Colony, and the reports of the preparations and the Exhibition there make most pleasing reading, besides affording a valuable guide to Hong Kong in any similar scheme here. The child welfare section was localised in these places:

Side by side two rooms of a native house were shown. One was dirty, dark, and verminous, with the usual insanitary conditions and dirty and cluttered floor. The other was whitewashed with a cemented floor and had a window which opened on the street. The room was fitted with a bed, a table, and a chair. The entrance was

rooms contained patients and attendants who acted their parts excellently.

2. There was a small building partitioned into two rooms both of which had no front wall. Here were given frequent demonstrations of bathing babies in European and Indian ways.

3. A special building was devoted to the Child Welfare exhibit, the walls outside being covered with posters so that every one standing about had plenty to see. Posters and exhibits were ranged round the walls in the following order:

- (a) Ante-natal.
- (b) Maternity.
- (c) Infancy and childhood.

As in all sections, continuous short talks and explanations were given in the vernacular by members of the Welfare Staff and other specially trained volunteers. These talks were essential as most of the people are illiterate. Lantern lectures on child welfare were given half-hourly during the afternoon and evening. Various child welfare subjects were among the 33 lectures delivered by local doctors. Special attention throughout was directed toward native superstitions and practices.

The other sections of the Exhibition were devoted to: Food (milk, meat and fish; vegetables and fruit; cooked foods and fly control; shops, dukas and hawkers; food in respect to food values; liquid; general diseases, malaria, housing and sanitation).

The Exhibition (which was opened by the Colonial Secretary) was a tremendous success. Every exhibit was crowded from morning till evening, and at times special squads of police had to be employed to regulate the crowds.

Only infants and toddlers attending the Welfare Centres regularly were eligible for entry to the Baby Show. Four preliminary judging were held in different parts of the Exhibition, and on the main day the final judging was conducted by the Exhibition Committee. The preliminary judging was undertaken by local practitioners. This preliminary judging was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, and the final judging was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street. The entrance was

divided into three classes: (1) up to 9 months, (2) 9 months to 2 years, (3) 2-5 years.

Cinema proprietors co-operated and arranged special film displays on health subjects, to which admission was free.

After the "Week" an essay competition was held, the subject being "My Impressions of the Health and Baby Week." A number of entries were received and the first prize-winning entry was submitted by a Mombasa girl about 17 years of age. This essay was written in Swahili.

Is Hong Kong content to play second fiddle to Bellary, Benoni, Kalutara, Panadura, and Mombasa? His Excellency the Governor has given a valuable lead in passing on to the Press the data concerning the last and the next Imperial Baby Week. May we look to the Rotary Club, the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and the Society for the Protection of Children to make the next practical move?

News in Brief.

The total output of the Kallian Mining administration's mines for the week ended December 5 amounted to 110,402 metric tons, and the sales to 124,725 metric tons.

H.M.S. Cornwall left this morning for Shanghai in the ordinary course of reliefs. It is understood that the Berwick is being relieved and will return home early in the New Year.

After being knocked down by a public motor car in Nathan Road near Jordan Road yesterday afternoon, a boy, Chan Hung-kwan, (10), of 40 Pilgrim Street, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

Personal Pars.

Mr. Will Rogers, the famous Fox Film Star, is arriving in Hong Kong on the s.s. President Taft on Friday. Mr. Rogers is 35 years of age, having been born on November 4, 1879, at Oologah, in Indian Territory. He is the highest paid cinema star in contract today, and is famous the world over as a comedian. His talkie successes, "Young As You Feel" with Ed Dorsey, and "Ambassador Bill" with Greta Nissen, are to be screened at the King's Theatre shortly.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Charles David Belton, insurance manager, of 5, Hong Kong Road, Shanghai, and Dora Kathleen Doyle, nursing sister of the General Hospital, Johore Bahru, Malaya. Stanley Oswald Gregory, book-seller, of 13a, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong, and Dorothy Priestly, school mistress of 47, Swains Lane, London.

Antonio Carlos Neves, clerk, of 60, Robinson Road, Hong Kong, and Sophia Mohamed Alarakis, of the same address.

PREFERRED BEGGING TO HOME.

A "king of beggars," aged 15, the head of a regular band of child beggars in Belgrade, has at last been arrested by the city's police and sent to a reformatory.

Fifty times during the last year this boy has been sent back to his native town, Panchovo, to be looked after by his parents, but he has always run away and returned to Belgrade under a false name. He has recently organised a band of child beggars, taught them how to extract coins from even the hardest-hearted merchant, and protected them from the police. He tried to take away the proceeds of their industry. When arrested, the boy gave away all the other members of the gang, who were found to have between them a considerable sum of money.

RELIGIOUS JOURNAL FOR BRITISH

The British Religious Journal, for 1932, has been published. It is a quarterly journal, and is published by the British Religious Journal Co., Ltd., 1, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4. The price is 6d. per copy, and 2s. 6d. per annum in advance. The journal contains articles on religion, science, and literature, and is of interest to all who are concerned with the progress of the world.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.

DIPHTHERIA.

Well, I suppose you know all about diphtheria by now. At any rate, you know now how to spell it correctly. That's something learned. I have come across many who insisted it was spelled with only one "h" and that that "h" did not occur between the "p" and the "t". I have made a bit of money, five cents a time, in proving these people wrong. So now, let's get on with the business of living. After all, that is the main business in life. Forget diphtheria, cut him dead in the street, don't hang about the windows to see if he's passing by, and he'll go elsewhere. Now, if everybody did that this unpleasant Dippy would sink out of this world for good.

OUR PRIVATE LIVES.

A most interesting case, of vital interest to employers and employees, was decided in Sheffield County Court towards the end of October. The question raised in the case was: "Is an employee entitled to dismissal, without notice, work-people whose conduct outside of ordinary working hours does not meet with his approval?" Counsel for the plaintiff (a woman clerk) contended that as the misconduct took place outside working hours and plaintiff's work was not interfered with, the employer had no right to dismiss her. Defendant contended that it was a matter of principle that the company should maintain a high standard of conduct among the employees.

Judge Greene, who finally gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs, remarked that if a person led an immoral life, outside the employer's time, either with somebody else or with another employee, it had nothing to do with the employer, unless it prevented the employee from working. There must be some connection between the misconduct and the employment to justify instant dismissal. In this case he did not think that the woman's misconduct was misconduct in her employment, or that she had committed the slightest breach of her contract with the employer. . . . but they were not right in taking that course with the woman. Generally speaking, employers did try to control the private lives of their employees.

BLACKBOARD TEST FOR CRIME

At Columbia University, recently, a specialist in psychology tried out his theories on two students, but something went wrong and the Professor's system broke down. From a class of 500 Freshmen he called for two volunteers. He handed to another person two sealed envelopes, containing instructions. He asked that one be given to each

of the volunteers while Professor Lecky's back was turned.

The two took the envelopes and left the hall. The professor explained to the audience what the instructions were.

One read: "You are an innocent man, but under suspicion. Go to a shop and buy some cough lozenges." The other instructed the possessor to "steal" four shillings from a charwoman, adding: "You are the quality party. For the next hour you are to play the part of a criminal, cold, heartless, cruel, cunning. Avoid detection if you can."

After an interval the two youths returned to the stage and were questioned separately. Professor Lecky wrote words on a blackboard asking the two suspects to respond as quickly as possible with words of their own to what the words on the blackboard suggested to them. About thirty words were used, half of them being expressions associated with crime and half not.

Whenever a "suspicious" response was made by the two young men, the audience cheered, their opinions of the guilty person fluctuating back and forth as the test went on.

In accordance with the average practice the guilty person should have hesitated longer than the innocent person in responding to any word with "criminal" suggestiveness. A stop watch was used to time the intervals. No appreciable difference, however, was detected. One would hesitate a little longer than the other, only to see the situation reversed at the next word.

During the examination, one "suspect" pulled a package of cough lozenges from his pocket and popped one into his mouth. The audience, remembering the instructions, became sure that he was the innocent party. They became perplexed, however, a second later, when the other likewise took lozenges from his pocket and started chewing them.

Professor Lecky grew more and more uncertain about his test as he compared the stop watch timings. He peered intently at the youths, but was unable to make headway against the baffling demeanour of the guilty one.

The examination came to a close. Professor Lecky resumed the study of his papers containing the responses. Then he stepped forward, placed his hand on one of the young men and said:

"You're guilty. Have you got the money?"

But the test was wrong. The other was guilty, and took the money from his pocket.

"I don't know why the system broke down," Professor Lecky said. "Perhaps the applause and hilarity of the audience upset the two men and made their reactions untrue."

BOY SCOUTS.

Commissioner's Talk to Rotarians.

SECRETARY WANTED.

The Rev. G. T. Walgrave, Commissioner of Boy Scouts, was the speaker at theiffin of the Rotary Club, yesterday when he gave an interesting talk on the Movement. He said that the biggest results here were seen among the Chinese boys. He thought that it was a great tribute to the Chief Scout and the Chinese because it meant grafting Western ideas on Eastern minds. He also made a suggestion that the Rotary Club might be able to assist the Movement locally by finding an Hon. Secretary, as this is the chief difficulty here.

The Chairman reported that he visited Blake Gardens last Wednesday and presented the shield to the winning team of the School Basketball League. The space in the garden laid out by the Rotary Club was large enough for two courts. He said that the garden itself looked like a refuse dump and the entrance was in a very bad condition. He suggested that the Rotary Club might be able to assist the Movement locally by finding an Hon. Secretary, as this is the chief difficulty here.

To-day's Thought.

When some people can't do what they want to do they won't do anything.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 30, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Impending changes in the reorganisation of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade are indicated in the following order issued by the C.S.P.:

"The old Fire Brigade organisation will cease to exist on and after January 1, 1922, when the new Fire Brigade staff, as shown in the 1922 Estimates, will commence work. The European members of the Fire Brigade, except those whose services are specially retained, will terminate their services with the Brigade on December 31, 1921."

"The services of the European firemen in Kowloon will be temporarily retained until further notice. Any European fireman stationed there who is desirous of carrying on after December 31, 1921, is requested to apply to the Chief Officer of the Brigade, who will be in a position to advise him of the necessary steps to be taken."



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40 YEARS AGO.

From Australia to England.

The four-masted barque "Law-hill" was built in 1892 by W. B. Thompson & Co., of Dundee, so now is in her fortieth year. She is a steel ship of 2,816 tons and owned by Captain Gustav Erikson of Mariehamn in the Baltic, writes R. F. Bristowe in United Empire.

There were 23 all told on the vessel, and the average age of the crew was 22. There were only 16 in the fore-cabin, eight in each watch; with one man at the wheel and one on lookout, it left only six to do the necessary work about the ship during the watch. In bad weather the watch below often had to be called, making a broken rest. Any one who has been in sail will understand what this meant and realize the very heavy work we had to do at times. Under the British flag there were 14 in each watch, nearly as many as our entire crew in the fore-cabin.

We got away from the Semaphore Anchorage, South Australia, on February 11, and had a slow run down St. Vincent's Gulf. Very hot work it proved to be, hauling the yards about from time to time, the temperature that day being 103 deg.

I had my first wheel of the voyage in the afternoon watch. We were steering "full and by." I thought it a wonderful sensation steering one of the largest wind-jammers afloat to-day. She was a good ship to steer and I always liked my wheel turns, though it was hard work sometimes.

The following evening, when passing through Investigator Strait between the mainland and Kangaroo Island on our way to the Southern Ocean, we were suddenly taken all aback by a strong southerly which came up without the slightest warning, though not altogether unexpected in these parts.

It was "All hands on deck," and we put the ship about as quickly as possible, but not before the new

foresail and some of the other sails got badly torn. There is no room for a big ship to tack in the strait, and the only thing to do was to go back over the water we had so recently sailed.

As soon as we got the ship round, the order came to take in sail. I knew, of course, I would have to go up and help make fast. I looked up at the masts and thought what big sweeps they were taking across the sky, and wondered how anyone could possibly hang on up there. Soon the order came "up and make fast," and there was no time to have any misgivings. By the time I reached the fore upper gallant yard the others had nearly finished.

However, I was able to help a bit with the other sails, but not forgetting the rule of the tall ships, one hand for yourself and one for the ship. Later on I became quite used to the work aloft and preferred it to the work on deck; one was away from the mate's beck and call and could at least keep dry—when it was not raining.

The following morning, when I was at the wheel, the skipper told me at one time he expected the rigging to go overboard any minute until we got the ship round; so the voyage might have come to a very premature end.

It was bad luck that we had to turn round when we did, as at the time there were only ten miles left to the open sea. It was three days later that we actually got outside and started on the long run to Cape Horn.

When south of New Zealand we had some very heavy weather which lasted about ten days. At one time we were hove to for about 50 hours and some damage was done about deck by the heavy seas which were constantly coming on board. Worst of all, as far as the crew were concerned, the scuttle over the companion stairs leading down to the fore-cabin got smashed to

pieces and the fore-cabin was flooded out. The scuttle was not rebuilt until we had passed the Cape and on our way north. Probably the skipper thought if it was mended too soon it might get broken again, so left it until fairer latitudes were reached.

Whenever there were any seas coming on board, and there frequently were, they found a ready quiet straight into four pints a day to each man, but it left very little over for washing. Whenever it rained we always caught what we could from the drain-pipes, from the poop deck and deck-houses and put it into barrels for future use. We were lucky in the way of rain and nearly always had enough water for washing.

We dropped anchor in Queenstown Harbour on May 27, 106 days out from Port Adelaide, and next day we received orders to discharge in Liverpool.

It is usually about a day's sail from Queenstown to Liverpool, but it took us six days. The tug had hardly cast off outside the leads when the wind changed, making it impossible to beat up St. George's Channel, and as the wind was strong we finished up three days later 150 miles south of Queenstown and well out in the north Atlantic. However, when the wind did change it could not have been better, and we sailed right up to the bar lightship outside Liverpool before taking a tug.

As we were towed up the Mersey and most of us were up aloft making fast the sails, the people on the ferry boats waved and cheered and the steamers and tug boats hooted a welcome. Not many windjammers go to Liverpool now and a great deal of interest is taken in those that do, particularly the Lawhill, as she used once to sail from Liverpool.

Although next day I was not sorry to pay off, I have no regrets about working my way before the mast. After all it was a great experience and something worth while to look back on. As for the crew, one could not have wished to live and work amongst a better crowd, even though five nations were represented—Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Russia and Great Britain. To-day, notwithstanding all the great sailing ships that England built and owned, there is not one deep-sea windjammer flying the red ensign.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## "THE MAN IN POSSESSION"

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—I have just read the "Talkie Talks" by "Diane" published in your issue of Saturday, December 26 and, under the above heading, note the criticism reading in part as follows:—"The only fault I had to find was the fact that the accent of the star was too American for a supposed Britisher." (The star is Robert Montgomery.)

By stating she found fault with the "accent," "Diane" naturally leads her readers to believe that she has personally previewed this film and is giving them the benefit of her own opinion as critic for the China Mail.

I invite "Diane" to publish a reply to this letter stating whether or not she actually saw this film in the Queen's Theatre when it was being previewed.

Your issue of the 26th was on sale on the streets at noon and, therefore, must have been ready for release quite some time before that hour. The film arrived in the Colony on the 25th and was privately previewed for the first time by the writer and the Secretary of the Hong Kong Amusements Co. after 11 a.m., on the morning of the 26th. This preview was not completed until after 12 o'clock noon and I fail to understand how "Diane" could have seen this film and written her criticisms in time to be published in your issue of the 26th, which was on the streets before the very first screening was completed. Furthermore, the employees of the theatre state that your critic was not present at the private preview.

It is not the policy of my Company to complain about the criticisms of motion picture critics, but, in view of the above circumstances, I cannot help feeling that "Diane" is being unfair to the picture, the Queen's Theatre, and the star (Mr. Montgomery).

"The Man in Possession" opens at the Queen's Theatre on January 1 and, if "Diane" wishes, I will be pleased to arrange a preview in order that she may judge for herself whether or not this picture will be well received by Hong Kong patrons, especially our British friends. If "Diane" accepts this invitation she will find that the leading lady opposite Robert Montgomery is Irene Purcell (English) and that there are other English players in the cast, namely: C. Aubrey Smith, Reginald Owen, Beryl Mercer, Alan Mowbray, Maude Eburne, Forrester Harvey and Yorke Sherwood. There are eight English actors and actresses out of a cast of ten players. Mr. Montgomery and Miss Charlotte Greenwood are American.

I can assure the British readers of "Diane's" column that they will not be displeased with the accent of any of the players in this picture.

Yours, etc.,  
B. A. PROULX,  
Manager,  
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer of China.  
Hong Kong, December 30.

## IMPERIAL BABY WEEK

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—May we ask you once again to help us in regard to our Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield Competition? This handsome silver challenge Shield is awarded annually for the best local Baby Week campaign held throughout the Empire, exclusive of the United Kingdom. For 1930/31 it was won by the Mombasa, Kenya Colony, Baby Week Committee, hence for the five years during which the competition has been in operation the Shield has gone in turn to Bombay, Madras, India; Benoni, Transvaal, South Africa; Kalutara, Ceylon; Panadura, Ceylon; and Mombasa, Kenya Colony.

Enclosed herewith you will find two copies of the regulations governing the competition, and bulk supplies have been sent to each of the people and organisations whose names appear on the back page of the regulations.

We realise that the Press plays a very important part in arousing the public to a sense of the importance of maternity and child welfare, and we shall therefore be most grateful if you will give our campaign the widest possible publicity. The Shield will be presented to the winner by the Governor-General of the Empire, and the winning committee will receive a special certificate of honour.

## JAPAN APPEALS TO WORLD OPINION.

Explains Her Military Activities.

NOTE TO LEAGUE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The hint that Japanese troops were about to advance west of the Liao River, where bandits have a base, was given in a Japanese note to the League Council dated December 27, dealing with Manchuria. The note recalls the Japanese Government's declaration that it regarded the maintenance of peace in Manchuria as of utmost importance, and that it directed all its efforts to that end. Bandits, however, were increasing their activities "encouraged by military authorities at Chinchow."

The note adds that, according to reports from Japanese Headquarters at Mukden, acts of banditry from the beginning of November to December 10 had reached a total of 1,520. The note complains that "in spite of promises the Chinchow forces had not been withdrawn within the Great Wall."

Japanese troops must combat the intensified activities of pillagers throughout South Manchuria, and to reach that aim must advance west of the Liao River, where bandits are based.

The note concludes with the remark that Japanese operations against bandits in the past month have been strictly limited, and Government has done its utmost to prevent clashes between Chinese and Japanese troops. Japan trusts "her prolonged patience, her desire strictly to observe international engagements will be recognised by world public opinion."

Japanese Embassy in Paris Also Explains.

Simultaneously with the communication to the League the Japanese Embassy here made a statement denying reports of systematic advance upon Chinchow, and reiterating that Japan's insistence on Chinese troops evacuating Chinchow is due to her desire to avoid a clash between Chinese regulars and Japanese troops.

The statement adds "the Japanese Government has acquired the conviction that the military authorities in Chinchow support the bandits who are concentrated in considerable numbers to the west of the Liao River."—Reuter.

## Chinese Troops Withdrawing.

Peking, Yesterday.  
Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has ordered the main body of troops at Chinchow and vicinity to withdraw within the Great Wall.

It is announced this action is taken to prevent Japanese military authorities having any excuse to extend warfare in north China, particularly in the Tientsin and Peking areas, which it appears are threatened by large Japanese reinforcements sent to Tientsin.

Evacuation has already begun and will proceed "as rapidly as possible."

It is understood the Provincial Government will remain at Chinchow for the present with a force to protect them while the main forces withdraw. — Reuter.

## Chinese Troops Bombing.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
Japanese aircraft bombed a large body of Chinese troops near Panashan at noon to-day. The Chinese replied with machine-guns, rifles, and artillery fire, according to despatches to the Press.

The Chinese subsequently retreated and a Japanese detachment entered Panashan.—Reuter.

## CINEMA SHOW AT SANDRINGHAM

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Yesterday.  
The ballroom at Sandringham was transformed to-day into a miniature cinema when their Majesties, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Duke of Gloucester, with Charles, Prince of Wales, and Golda, were present.

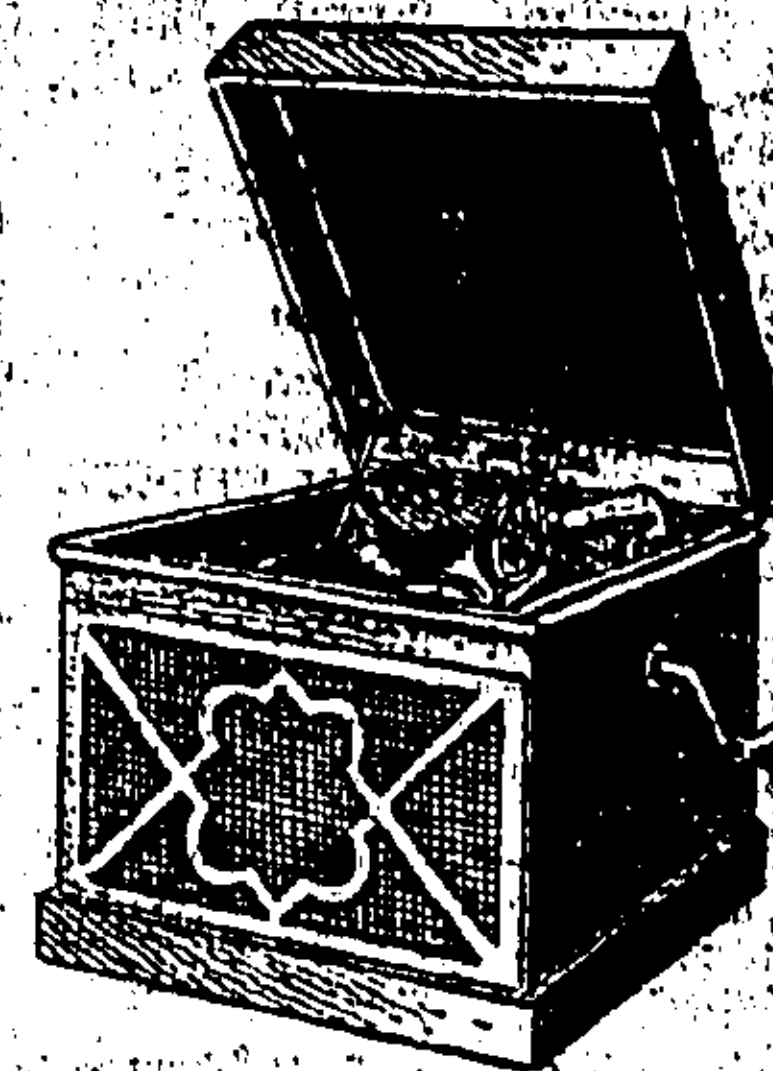
Publicity which was given to the event was the Imperial Company's. The film shown was "The Man in Possession," which is being shown at the Queen's Theatre, Hong Kong.

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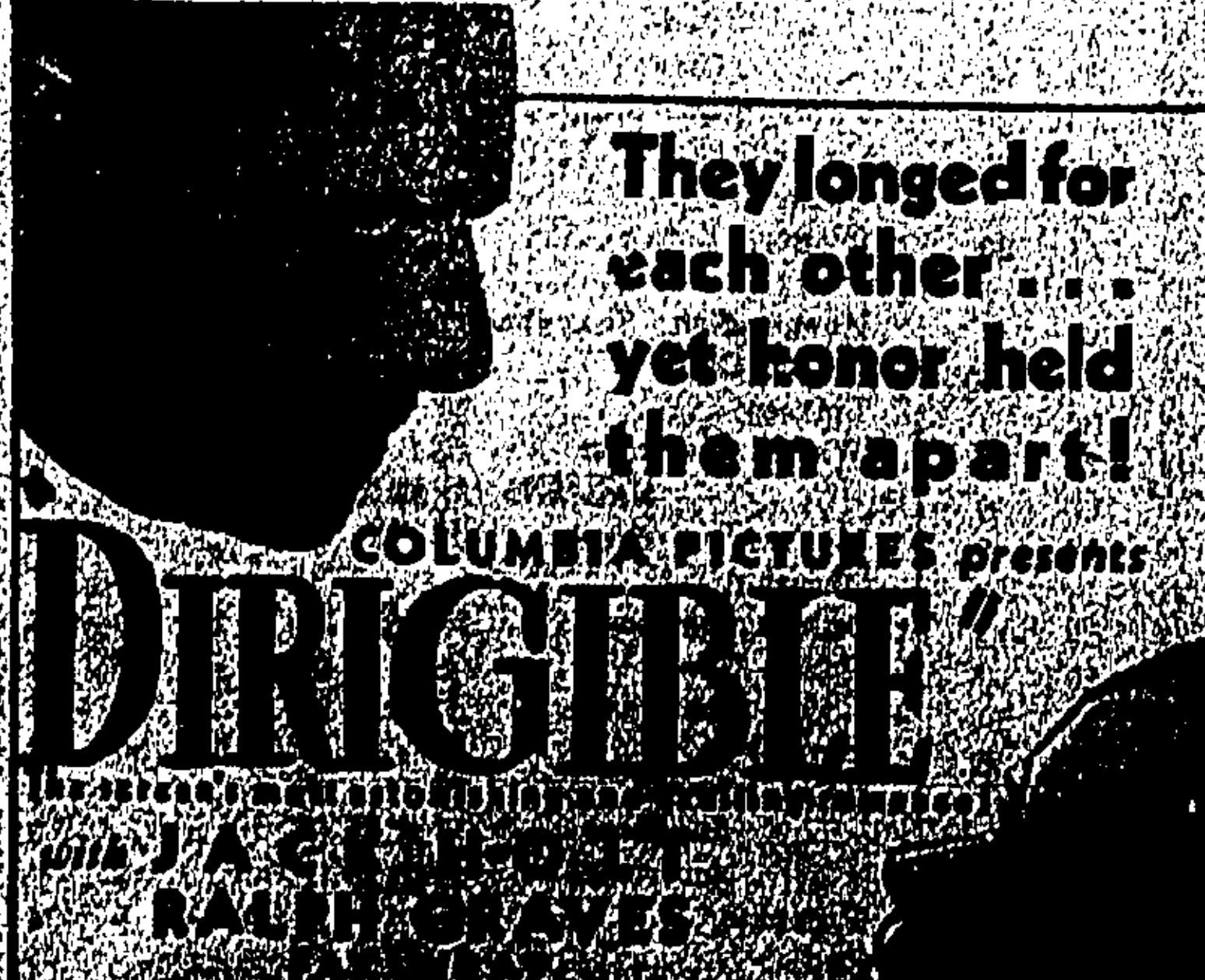
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### THE DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

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ranged for the festive season, Dr. Pope commented that it was a very wise move on the part of those responsible. It is this "Keep away from crowds" attitude that has brought about such encouraging results in the fight against the epidemic during the past two days. He also welcomed the Naval ban on places of entertainment as a move in the right direction to avoid contact.

#### Dairy Farm Milk.

Dr. Pope wishes it to be stated that Dairy Farm milk will now be safe as the management are having all their milk sterilised before leaving their dairy. Dairy Farm cream is also now safe as the milk is sterilised before separating.

#### Medical Men Overworked.

Sixteen cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday, but, according to a statement made by Dr. Pope last evening, it is significant that a number of these cases should have been included in the previous day's total. Medical practitioners had been so overworked that official notification, in some cases, had been delayed one day. Of yesterday's 16 cases, 11 were Europeans and five Chinese, one of the latter being an imported case.

Three deaths, all Chinese, had occurred during the week-ended on Boxing Day; and since then there have been no fatalities. The deaths referred to can, therefore, be regarded as normal mortality in cases of diphtheria among the Chinese, and not the outcome of the epidemic. Europeans now receiving treatment for diphtheria, either in one of the hospitals or at home is 65, and the total since the beginning of December is 78.

The number of non-Chinese patients in the various hospitals recorded up to yesterday morning is as under:—

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Victoria Hospital         | 25 |
| Military Hospital         | 5  |
| Government Civil Hospital | 4  |
| Kowloon Hospital          | 3  |
| Peak Hospital             | 2  |
| St. Paul's Hospital       | 1  |

Emphatic Reiteration.  
In a statement last night, Dr. Pope more definitely connected the epidemic with the Colony's milk supply. He said: "I wish to state more emphatically that the outbreak had its origin in milk. It should be impressed upon the public that milk must be boiled."

Further, Dr. Pope advised those who have symptoms of diphtheria not to hesitate to see their doctors. Immediate attention could avoid complications and the spread of the ailment.

Figures up to yesterday, said Dr. Pope, showed that more of the sufferers are adults. Of the total of cases to date only 28 are children, less than 50 per cent. The usual proportion in an epidemic, he said, was 75 per cent. children and 25 per cent. adults.

Period of incubation.  
Asked yesterday if he thought that the epidemic had reached its highest wave and was now declining, as seemed to be supported by the fact that on Monday there were 24 cases and 16 yesterday, Dr. Pope said: "We must have at least another 24 hours before we can make such a statement. We must first wait to see if the precautionary measures advised by us have had any effect and, in any case, the

period of incubation is from two to four days."

More Parties Cancelled.  
On account of the diphtheria epidemic, a children's fancy dress party which was to have been held in the Peninsula Hotel last evening was postponed.

We have also been asked to state that for the same reason the Royal Engineers' New Year's Dance, arranged for to-morrow, has been cancelled.

The whilst drive of the Dockyard Recreation Club, arranged for to-morrow evening, has been cancelled.

#### Ban on Cinemas.

It was learned this morning that the Commander-in-Chief has imposed a ban on cinemas, and Naval men are now not permitted to visit any such places of entertainment. The China Mail also learned this morning that about five cases of diphtheria have occurred in the

### FINER LATER.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone appears to be central near Peking, and nearly stationary.

Forecast:—N. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

#### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil.  
Total since January 1—80.39 inches against an average of 83.10 inches—deficit 2.71 inches.

#### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Hong Kong     | 54 |
| Macao         | 50 |
| Pratas Island | 63 |
| Manila        | 72 |
| Foochow       | 54 |
| Amoy          | 54 |
| Chefoo        | 30 |
| Shanghai      | 38 |

personnel of the Navy. These cases, it is understood, include the Commander of one of the warships and a Surgeon-Commander.

#### Rally Cancelled.

The Committee of the City Hall has been able, only this week, to intimate that owing to the necessity for extensive repairs to the City Hall, the New Year Rally, cannot be held there. Arrangements are further complicated by the prevailing epidemic, and in view of the published advice to avoid crowds in confined spaces, the Committee responsible for the Rally has decided not to proceed with securing alternative accommodation. It is greatly regretted that the Rally has consequently to be cancelled.

Services Cancelled.  
The watchnight services in the Union Church and the Wesleyan Church to-morrow have been cancelled.

#### Official Figures.

The following figures of the number of cases of diphtheria in various localities of the Colony, taken from official returns, which have reached this office, are of interest:—

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| The following figures of the number of cases of diptheria in various localities of the Colony were taken from official returns, which have reached this office, are of interest: |   |
| During the week ended on Boxing Day, 21 cases occurred and death in three cases. The locality with the most cases was Victoria (9). The other figures were:—                     |   |
| Old and New Kowloon                                                                                                                                                              | 8 |
| Shaukiwan                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 |
| Aberdeen                                                                                                                                                                         | 2 |
| New Territory                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 |

### KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

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#### Splendid Chinese Efforts.

These hospitals owe their inception entirely to spontaneous and purely Chinese effort, and have done an immense amount of good work in this Colony, for which the Government and the Chinese people are most grateful. I congratulate Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan and his Directors on the excellent record of work which they have achieved this year—the first year under combined management. They hand over their trust with many improvements added, but I feel sure that the incoming Chairman, and his Directors will maintain the high standard set up.

I have much pleasure in declaring the new wards open. Dr. Kotewall Thanks The Governor. Dr. Kotewall, who spoke in Chinese, said:—

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:—

About a week ago His Excellency the Governor presided at the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association, when I had the honour of proposing a vote of thanks to him. Two days ago His Excellency presided at the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children when, again, I had the privilege of performing, with Sir Shouson Chow, the same duty. To-day, as another coincidence, I have been asked by the Directors of the three hospitals to thank His Excellency on their behalf for the honour he has done them by coming here to open the new Tuberculosis Wards. The fact that within the short space of seven days His Excellency has found time, amidst his multifarious and heavy duties, to do these good deeds, is evidence of the keen and practical interest which he takes in all things conducive to the welfare of the Colony. By such example and practical encouragement, His Excellency has placed the whole community under a deep debt of gratitude. (Applause.)

I remember that, shortly after he assumed office, as Governor of the Colony, Sir William Peel expressed the hope that the Tung Wah and its allied hospitals would have special wards for the treatment of tuberculosis, and I feel that the wards which His Excellency will presently declare open, will be a source of great gratification to him as being the first step towards that end. Though the accommodation which these wards afford is limited, a real beginning has been made which, I hope, will lead to an expansion in the near future, and to the establishment of similar wards, if not special hospitals in other parts of the Colony.

On behalf of the Hospital, I thank Your Excellency most sincerely for the sympathetic interest you have taken in opening the wards. (Applause.)

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| Aberdeen      | 2 |
| New Territory | 1 |

During the 24 hours ended on December 28, 24 cases were recorded with no deaths. The locality with the most cases in this instance was Old and New Kowloon (15), the other figures being:—

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Victoria  | 9 |
| Shaukiwan | 1 |

Aberdeen and the New Territory had clean sheets for this period.

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